Production of milk by DMS

853. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Milk Scheme has been supplying much less quantity of milk for distribution to public from its milk boo hs

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same;

(c). whether it is also a fact that the piants of the Delhi Milk Scheme have become obsolete and if so, what steps have been taken to replace them;

(d) what is the production capa city of milk in bottles and what is the actual production; and

(e) the capacity added by the Delhi Mlilk Scheme for supply of milk in packets and what is the actual production of milk in packets of one and half litre capacity an whether there is any plan to increase this capacity and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) and (b) During the month of July, 1987 the average daily supply of milk maintained by! Delhi Milk Scheme has been higher than in July, 1986. The normal rate of supply of milk could, however, not be maintained on seven different days in the month mainly due to failure of electricity supply, very low electricity voltage, low operating efficiency of old bottling plants and shortage of working staff as a result of Delhi Bandh' on 9-7-1987.

(c) The bottling plants in the Delhi Milk Scheme have become old and have been operating at low efficiency. It is therefore, proposed to gradually replace them with new pouch filling machines.

(d) The installed capacity of bot tling plants is 3.50 lakh litres of milk per day. The actual average production in 1986-87 has, however, been. 2.89 lakh litres of milk per day.

(e) Three pouch filling machines (including one stand-by) were installed in Delhi Milk Scheme to increase the production of milk in one and half litre packets by 40,000 litres of milk per day. The actual production Of milk by these machines has been much higher at about 68,000 litres average per day in 1986-87.

A project to increase the milk pro cessing capacity of Delhi Milk Scheme by 1.25 lakh litres per day has been sanctioned and necessary action for installation of machinery etc. is in progress.

Irregularities in DDA

854. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the observations made in the 22nd report of the Central Vigilance Commission in regard to various irregularities being committeed in the Delhi Development Authority (DDA);

(b) if so, what are the deails in this regard and what action has. been taken in the matter; and

(c) whether any reponsibility has since been fixed on the officers of D.DA. and if so, what are details in this regard and what action has been taken against the guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Arising out of the Central Vigilance Commission's 22nd Report, the Chief Technical Examiners organisation under the Central Vigilance Commission has brought to the notice of the Delhi Development Authority six cases of irregularities in the works executed by the Authority.

Investigations were started by the DDA in all the six cases to fix the responsibility on individual officers. These have been completed in one case and are in various stages of pro

.gress in the remaining five cases. In the one case where investigations have been completed, major penalty proceedings have been initiated against five engineers.

Irregularities In construction of show-room-cum-warehouse at Okhla by NCCFo

855. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2206 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Sub-Committee of Directors of NCCF had pointed out in 1985 serious irregularities in the execution of the Okhla Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that expenditure of Rs. 32 lakhs and the Mobilisation Advance to the Contractor was made without approval of the Board, the Industrial Committee not being competent to sanction any expenditure.

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Chartered Accountant was not appointed from out of panel of Government Agencies/IDBI approve
consultants:

(d) whether it is also a fact that the decision to authorise the Archi tect for issuing Tender Forms to only 7 firms was not approved by the Competent Authority and the cons truction work was awarded to a bo gus firm ignoring 5 competent contrac tors; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to get this matter investigated by the CBI?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUP PLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A sum of Rs. 22.00 lakhs and Rs. 1.07 lakhs were given to the contractor and the Architect without the approval of the Board of Direc . tors.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The decision to authorise the architect for issuing tender forms to only seven firms was not approved by the Competent Authority but the work was awarded to a firm on the basis of the lowest tender.

(e) The contract with the contractor has been cancelled. Action has already been taken to cancel the contract with the Architect. The services of the Officer-in-Charge. have been terminated.

Irregularities in import of Chickpeas by NOCF

866. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2295 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th May, 1987 and to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCCF reduced the original Bank Guarantee of the buyers from Rs. 6.35 lakhs to Rs. 4.25 lakhs in June, 1984 when the party had already defaulted in March, 1984 in lifting of entire Chick peas Stocks;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chickpeas stocks were sold without any tender @ Rs. 5300 PMT against the prevailing market rate of Rs 6500;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on the face of claim of shortage of M/s. Kanahya Lal Siri Ram, 460 bags of sweeping were given by manipula tion to M/s. Essell "Enterprises;

(d) whether it is also a fact that illegal taking out of 860 bags of Chickpeas from the Port was covered by subsequently appointing a Sur veyor on 8th March, 1984, and no shortage certificate was obtained from the Shippers which resulted in rejection of claim of NCCF; and

(e) if so, why this matter has not been handed over so far to the CBI?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN TARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINIS TER OF FOOD AND CIVTL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.